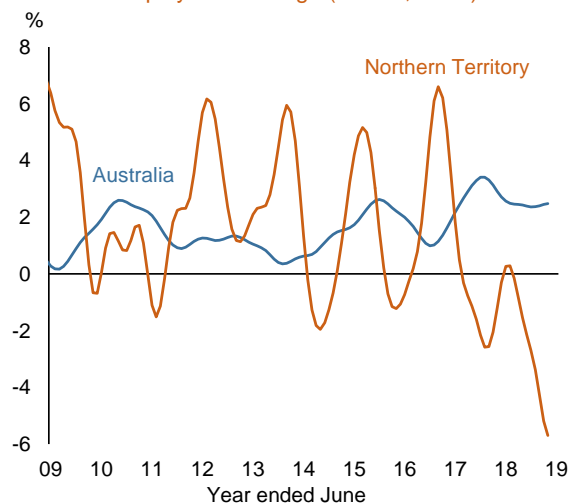
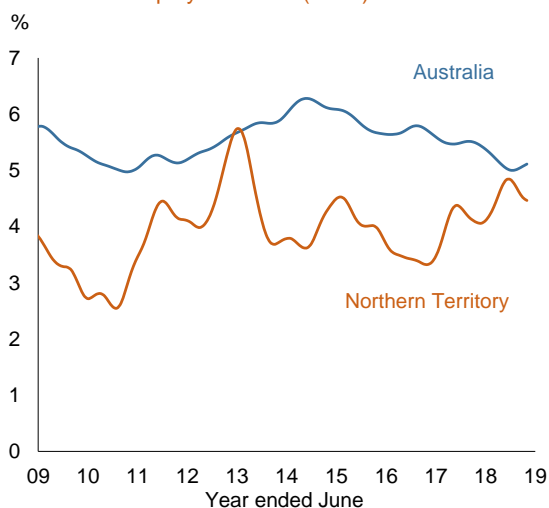


Chart 1: Employment change (annual, trend)



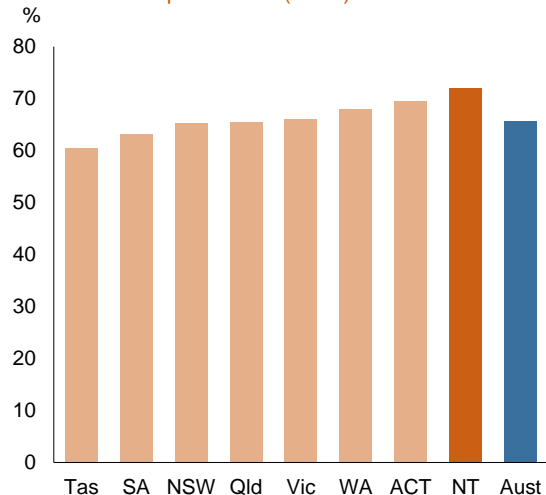
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 2: Unemployment rate (trend)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

Chart 3: Participation rate (trend)



Source: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS Cat No. 6202.0

## Employment

	NT	Aust
Employed persons (trend)	130 791	12 814 793
Monthly change (trend)	↓0.3%	↑0.2%
Annual change (trend)	↓5.7%	↑2.5%
Year-on-year change (original)	↓1.5%	↑2.5%

In April 2019, trend resident employment in the Territory decreased by 0.3 per cent to 130 791 persons, compared to the previous month. This was the only monthly decline of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 0.2 per cent to 12 814 793.

Annually, trend resident employment decreased by 5.7 per cent compared to the same time last year, reporting the lowest annual result of the jurisdictions. Nationally, trend employment grew by 2.5 per cent (Chart 1).

In the year to April 2019, Territory employment decreased by 1.5 per cent. This was the only year-on-year decline of the jurisdictions, reflecting a 5.4 per cent decline in part-time employment and a 0.4 per cent decline in full-time employment. Nationally, year-on-year employment grew by 2.5 per cent.

## Unemployment

	NT	Aust
Unemployment rate (trend)	4.5%	5.1%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.1	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↑0.4	↓0.4

The Territory's monthly trend unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage points to 4.5 per cent (Chart 2). This was the third lowest rate of the jurisdictions, which ranged from 3.9 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 6.7 per cent in Tasmania. Nationally, the monthly trend unemployment rate remained at 5.1 per cent.

## Participation

	NT	Aust
Participation rate (trend)	72.1%	65.7%
Monthly change (ppt)	↓0.7	flat
Annual change (ppt)	↓4.4	↑0.2

In the month, the trend participation rate in the Territory declined 0.7 percentage points to 72.1 per cent. Despite this fall, the Territory's participation rate remains the highest of the jurisdictions and above the national average of 65.7 per cent (Chart 3).

# Labour force April 2019

Table 1: Labour force statistics\*

	Period			Change		
	Apr 18	Mar 19	Apr 19	Monthly <sup>1</sup>	Annual <sup>2</sup>	Year-on-year <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	136 866	132 752	128 578	-3.1%	-6.1%	-1.5%
– full-time	109 486	101 842	101 796	0.0%	-7.0%	-0.4%
– part-time	27 380	30 910	26 782	-13.4%	-2.2%	-5.4%
Unemployment rate	4.9%	3.7%	4.8%	1.1 ppt	- 0.1 ppt	
Participation rate	76.1%	73.1%	71.5%	- 1.6 ppt	- 4.7 ppt	
Labour force	143 849	137 851	135 007	-2.1%	-6.1%	-1.1%
<b>Seasonally adjusted<sup>4</sup></b>						
– not published for the Northern Territory						
<b>Trend<sup>5</sup></b>						
Employment	138 691	131 187	130 791	-0.3%	-5.7%	
– full-time	110 342	103 556	103 150	-0.4%	-6.5%	
– part-time	28 349	27 631	27 641	0.0%	-2.5%	
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	- 0.1 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	76.5%	72.8%	72.1%	- 0.7 ppt	- 4.4 ppt	
Labour force	144 686	137 545	137 055	-0.4%	-5.3%	
<b>Australia</b>						
<b>Original</b>						
Employment	12 525 274	12 797 965	12 848 901	0.4%	2.6%	2.5%
– full-time	8 514 414	8 773 520	8 759 675	-0.2%	2.9%	2.6%
– part-time	4 010 860	4 024 445	4 089 225	1.6%	2.0%	2.2%
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	- 0.1 ppt	- 0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	65.7%	65.9%	66.0%	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 265 854	13 529 739	13 563 496	0.2%	2.2%	2.0%
<b>Seasonally adjusted<sup>4</sup></b>						
Employment	12 500 000	12 794 515	12 822 908	0.2%	2.6%	
– full-time	8 544 563	8 799 028	8 792 697	-0.1%	2.9%	
– part-time	3 955 438	3 995 487	4 030 211	0.9%	1.9%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.1%	5.2%	0.1 ppt	- 0.3 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	65.7%	65.8%	0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Labour force	13 231 012	13 477 136	13 526 762	0.4%	2.2%	
<b>Trend<sup>5</sup></b>						
Employment	12 504 259	12 794 059	12 814 793	0.2%	2.5%	
– full-time	8 533 522	8 779 231	8 793 884	0.2%	3.1%	
– part-time	3 970 737	4 014 828	4 020 908	0.2%	1.3%	
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.1%	5.1%	0.0 ppt	- 0.4 ppt	
Participation rate	65.6%	65.7%	65.7%	0.0 ppt	0.2 ppt	
Labour force	13 229 301	13 477 578	13 504 409	0.2%	2.1%	

ppt.: percentage point

1 Compares the latest month with the previous month.

2 Compares the latest month with the same month in the previous year.

3 Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period.

4 Seasonal adjustment removes a series influences that are systemic and calendar related.

5 Trend series represents the underlying series remaining after removing seasonal effects from the original data and smoothing out the irregularities.

\* Due to rounding, percentage changes in the table may not reflect the actual change.

Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS Cat. No. 6202.0

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Nationally, media analysis of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Labour Force Survey (LFS) is concentrated on seasonally adjusted data. Due to the high standard errors and volatile nature of seasonally adjusted data for the Northern Territory LFS, the ABS only publishes data in original and trend terms.

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